

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 147.76 and 155A.6, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 4, “Pharmacist-Interns,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendment was approved at the November 4, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendment changes the elements required for registration as a pharmacist-intern to indicate that the Board will accept either a social security number or an individual tax identification number (ITIN). The ITIN enables a foreign student and the student’s dependents to be identified and to file tax returns when the student or dependents are not eligible for a social security number. The individuals identified using an ITIN may be employed or be in receipt of scholarship or fellowship funding. The Board’s proposed amendment recognizes the ITIN as a valid element of identification when a social security number is not obtainable.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. on December 29, 2015. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no substantial impact on jobs has been found. Changing the identification requirements for registration as a pharmacist-intern to accept either social security number or individual tax identification number (ITIN) enables a foreign student and the student’s dependents to be identified and file tax returns when the student or dependents are not eligible for a social security number. The individuals identified using an ITIN may be employed or be in receipt of scholarship or fellowship funding. The Board’s acceptance of the ITIN in lieu of a social security number does not create or eliminate the job; the Board’s action recognizes the ITIN as a valid means of identification.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.6.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend subrule 4.6(1) as follows:

4.6(1) *Application for registration—required information.* Application for registration as a pharmacist-intern shall be on forms provided by the board, and all requested information shall be provided on or with such application. The application shall require that the applicant provide, at a minimum, the following: name; address; telephone number; date of birth; social security number or individual tax identification number (ITIN); and name and location of college of pharmacy and anticipated month and year of graduation. The college of pharmacy shall certify the applicant’s eligibility to practice as a pharmacist-intern.